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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Jaffee et al

Art Unit: 1771

Serial No. 10/717,802

Case Docket No. 7303

Filed: November 20, 2003

Examiner: Torres Velazquez, Norca Liz

August 25, 2006

For: **METHOD OF MAKING TOUGH, FLEXIBLE MATS AND TOUGH, FLEXIBLE MATS**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Preliminary Amendment

In response to the Office Action mailed March 29, 2006, please amend the first paragraph of page 1 the specification, and the claim 1 as follows: